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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 remain in this application. In the January 17, 2006 Office action the examiner rejected all claims as obvious in view of Osawa et al. JP 08-078053. However, for the compounds disclosed by Osawa et al., the end silicon atoms include an extra oxygen not present in the claimed invention. In particular, the Osawa et al. compounds include an end silicon atom with a Si-O bond. See the rightmost silicon atom of each of formulae 1-6 of Osawa et al. In contrast, according to formulae 1 and 2 of independent claims 1 and 6 of the present invention, the claimed polyether-modified silicon oils have end silicon atoms in which all of the terminal bonds are Si-C or Si-H bonds. See the figures associated with formulae 1 and 2 as well as the definition for R₁ to R₇ which states that "R₁ to R₇ are independently or identically, selected from *hydrogen or C₁ to C₅ alkyls.*" (emphasis added). Independent claim 14 has been amended to recite that "the polyether-modified silicon oil includes end silicons with terminal bonds consisting of Si-C or Si-H bonds." Since this feature of each of independent claims 1, 6 and 14 is neither taught nor suggested by the cited art, those claims as well as all claims depending from there are allowable over the prior art.

It is further noted that upon reviewing the specification in preparing this response, two typographical errors were discovered in the specification. In particular, at page 6, line 7 of the specification, the R₁ to R₇ radicals of formulae 1 and 2 were erroneously defined as "*R₁ and R₇ are independently or identically selected from . . .*" when clearly, they should have been defined as "*R₁ to R₇ are independently or identically selected from . . .*" (emphasis added). In addition, at page 23, line 26, "Oil 5" is defined with reference to formula 2 when "Oil 5" should correspond to formula 1. These errors have been corrected, and no new matter has been added.

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Claims 1-17 remain in this application. Based on the above comments, applicant requests allowance of all claims. However, if there are any remaining issues, the examiner is asked to contact applicant's counsel at the number below.

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